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FOR AMBASSADOR GATES FROM ARTHUR BURNS

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR BURNS TRAVEL PLANS

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FROM FRB CHAIRMAN ARTHUR BURNS
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO AMBASSADOR GATES:

QUOTE I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT YOUR NECESSARILY HURRIED
RETURN TO CHINA PREVENTED OUR GETTING TOGETHER IN
PHILADELPHIA.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU MAY NOT BE BACK IN WASHINGTON
WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH. LET ME THEREFORE REPORT TO YOU NOW
ON MY TRAVEL PLANS:

1. HELEN AND I EXPECT TO LEAVE MANILA ON OCTOBER 6
AND ARRIVE IN PEKING THE SAME OR THE NEXT DAY.
2. WE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY NORMAND BERNARD, WHO
WILL ASSIST ME ON THIS JOURNEY.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN WHAT I CAN ABOUT THE
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ECONOMY OF CHINA, PARTICULARLY ITS BANKING AND FINANCIAL

SYSTEM. PLEASE TRY TO MAKE SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS FOR ME.

4. BESIDES PEKING, WE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SOOCHOW AND SHANGHAI. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OFFICE MAKING HOTEL AND TRAVEL RESERVATIONS FOR US.

5. WE EXPECT TO PROCEED FROM SHANGHAI TO TOKYO ON OCTOBER 14.

6. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHETHER PERSONAL OR TRAVEL CHECKS CAN BE USED.

7. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WHATEVER SUGGESTIONS OCCUR TO YOU. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD EAGERLY TO OUR VISIT. WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS I WILL INFORM YOU ABOUT MY TRAVEL PLANS MORE PRECISELY. END QUOTE

2. IN ADDITION TO THIS DIRECT MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR,

CHAIRMAN BURNS INFORMS US THAT PRCLO CHIEF HUANG HAS

ASKED HIM TO IDENTIFY OFFICIALS HE WISHES TO MEET IN

PEKING. HUANG REPORTEDLY SAID THAT REQUESTS FOR APPOINT-

MENTS WOULD BE HONORED, AND BURNS WOULD LIKE TO GIVE

OFFICIALS' NAMES TO PRCLO. REQUEST YOU CABLE PRIORITY

(SLUG FOR EA/PRCM) NAMES OF OFFICIALS YOU RECOMMEND SO

THAT WE CAN PASS TO BURNS FOR SUBMISSION TO PRCLO.

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